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REMARKS

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1. On 12 September 1950 six 37-mm AA guns were observed to be emplaced near the Elbe River railroad bridge, in the area between Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60) and Biederitz. AA guns were still emplaced near the railroad bridge on 14 September 1950. (1)

2. On 14 September 1950 the Flak Kaserne on Zipkeleberweg was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 150 soldiers held infantry drill in the barracks yard. Local residents said that recruits were quartered in the barracks. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area _____ 25X1
   25X1 _____ and the _____ trucks used 25X1
   for training drivers:
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3. Gate guards in front of the barracks installation on Herrenkrug-strasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 100 soldiers received training in firing in the area opposite the barracks. Driver trainees were seen on trucks _____ 25X1

4. Gate guards of the barracks installation on Breitscheidstrasse between the street and the railroad line wore artillery insignia. Sentries in front of the billeting area on the opposite side of Breitscheidstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Twenty-five new artillery prime movers were parked in front of the garages along the railroad line. Recruits drilled in the yards of the two installations. It was the impression that most of the troops from the barracks were still at a summer camp. Trucks _____ 25X1
   were used for training drivers. Other motor vehicles observed in the two billeting

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5. Gate guards in front of the barracks installation on Turmschanzen-
strasse wore signal insignia. The location and facilities of the
radio station were the same as previously observed. Drivers were
trained on trucks _____

_____ Motor vehicles _____        25X1

_____ were also seen in the billeting area. (5)

6. The unoccupied barracks installation on Jerichowerstrasse, near the
Herrenkrugbruecke, which was previously unoccupied was being repaired.
The main building, paralleling the street, was completed and partially
occupied by signal troops. Twenty-five signal officers, including two
lieutenant colonels and three majors, were seen walking between the
Soviet residential area on Adalbertstrasse and the barracks installation
on Turmschanzenstrasse. (5)

7. Gate guards in front of the Encke Kaserne on Beinestrasse wore black-
bordered red epaulets. Troops were seen drilling in the barracks yard.
Two generals, including a lieutenant general riding in staff car
_____ entered the installation. Motor vehicles _____        25X1

_____ were also observed. (6)

_____ Comments.

(1) The six light AA guns emplaced near the railroad bridge have repeatedly
been reported. _____

(2) The information indicates that the headquarters units of the Third Shock
Army and the elements of the army's 3d Gds AAA Div from the installation
were still away for field exercises in mid-September 1950. Some of the
AAA units were probably at Wustrow.

(3) The barracks installation apparently quartered recruits.

(4) The billeting areas on Breitscheidstrasse are occupied by headquarters
artillery units of the Third Shock Army and probably also by elements of
the army's 3d Gds AAA Div. The information indicates that most of these
units were still holding field exercises away from the post in mid-Sep-
tember 1950.

(5) According to a previous report, signal units are quartered in the in-
stallation. _____

(6) Elements of the Hq Third Shock Army, along with other units, are believed
to be located in the Encke Kaserne on Beinestrasse. _____